

# Younkin Family News Bulletin

## A Tribute to Our Family

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Donna Younkin Logan, publisher

### Dear Cousins,

Boy... are we taking a "beating" this month with Larry's I.M.A.Y. column. One of our readers wrote in a few months ago and said "you two must have a very strong marriage for it to withstand Larry's col." I thought "Geez, surely he doesn't mean those terrible things — he is just kidding, isn't he?" Someone once said that there is always some truth to any joke - that's what makes it funny! hmmmm...

Speaking of procrastination - I have been meaning to tell you something and keep forgetting. In the first newsletter I said that I wouldn't be printing *extra* copies of the newsletter - well, I lied - actually - I found out (after writing that) that the printer doesn't charge that much more for a couple hundred extra copies (the expense is in the initial set up) so I have had plenty of copies for new subscribers and will always have the ability to have all back issues available for purchase. Actually, I am on the second printing of Vol 1 #1! I have sent out over 900 to date. Quite a few went to County & State Historical and Genealogical Societies in various parts of the country where our families are known to have lived. If you can think of a Society or library where I could send one please let me know.

I know that I have told most, if not all, of you this but for the record - let me, again, say - all subscriptions will run on a calendar year - in other words January thru December. If someone subscribes in July, they will receive all of the current year's back issues and their subscription will end with the Oct. Nov. Dec. issue of that year. Subscriptions received after November 1st will automatically be applied to the following year, and back issues can be purchased separately. I hope that this is clear - I know it sounds confusing - if you have any questions just drop me a line. This policy allows me the least amount of bookkeeping - renewal notices only have to go out once a year & all at the same time. *Bookkeeping* is just about my least favorite thing to do.

Even though I have a 3 drawer file cabinet and a bookshelf filled with YOUNKIN material - that doesn't mean I have your family lines. If you haven't, as yet, sent in your Pedigree Chart and Family Group Sheets - please think about it. I do make subscriber's lines the priority for newsletter articles. If you haven't seen an article on your family - it may be because I don't know which one it is.

You might be wondering just what I will do with all of the family records & materials you have sent to me. Well, I plan to keep everything as long as I live (right down to the little postcards you've sent). I haven't thrown anything away. After I am gone, my children have agreed to deposit the materials at one of three places. Whichever one will, at that time, promise not to destroy the files. This will be either the Bucks County Historical Society, the Somerset County Historical Society or the Mormon Church (no, I am

not Mormon - but after microfilming the material they will keep the originals in their facility). This way our GGGG-grandchildren will have access to our family files and they won't have to start the research all over as we are having to do. I am also putting together photograph albums of our



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[Photo courtesy of Tom Mills]

family photographs - these will be fun to take to National Family Reunions as well as being kept for posterity. When you submit a photograph for the newsletter, please try to send a copy that I can keep for our album.

Please note the message on the renewal form about a 1991 National YOUNKIN FAMILY REUNION.

In this issue, I have combined a mini-lesson in genealogy with an article submitted by Ina P. (Fister) Bright. I have also included in the same article *new* information that we have on our *immigrant* Henry's son, Henry Jr.

Because of the many multiple marriages between our YOUNKIN family and several of the allied families (such as MINERD, RUSH, WEIMER, FAIDLEY, PRINGEY, ETC.) in future issues I will feature an article on one of these families - if you have a particular interest in one of them and would like to submit an article for publication—I would welcome it. The January issue will feature a YOUNKIN/PRINGEY family. I received this a few weeks ago from D. Bruce Howell and was so impressed after reading his story, that I asked Bruce if I could share it with the rest of you. In reading it you will, as I was, be transported back in time to the days when our ancestors pioneered in Pennsylvania as well as the western frontier. Though this is the story of but one family - it is representative of all of the families that braved these unknown territories in the 1800's.

## How Many Times Can You Be a YOUNKIN ?

For "Dale" Younk of Pocatello, ID. — it's 3 times:



Actually, this is not all that unusual, we have several cousins that have Hendrich/Henry JUNGHEN as an ancestor on an average of 2 branches of their tree. If your ancestors lived in the same area for as many years as did Dale's did, your chances are much greater of cousins marrying cousins. I, myself, share the same GGG etc. grandfather, Edward DORSEY, on 3 branches of my ancestor tree. It has been said by many of the descendants of these DORSEY branches that "they married their cousins 'cause no one else was good enough!"

In Dale's case— it is unknown who Mary Polly's parents are. Research is currently being conducted to try to establish her parentage.



Theodore "Ted" & Esther Younk (1970)



William "Dale" & Jerry Younk (1948)

## "FIRST FAMILIES" PROGRAMS

In an effort to establish the genealogies of the Pioneer Families in their respective states, various State Genealogical & Historical societies are sponsoring FIRST FAMILIES programs. The Ohio Genealogical Society is an excellent example of this program. I quote from their brochure - "Any member of the OGS who is a direct descendant of an individual who settled in the area now encompassed by the State of Ohio, before 1820, may become a member of the FIRST FAMILIES OF OHIO, on the acceptance of an application with proof of such descent and the payment of a \$30.00 application fee. All descent must be by blood and not by adoption. An application for First Families of Ohio may be obtained by a member of the society at no cost by writing to: The Ohio Genealogical Society P.O. Box 2625; Mansfield, OH. 44906" - Several of our YOUNKIN lines should easily qualify for this OGS program.

The Kansas Council of Genealogical Societies has, also, initiated a First Families program but at this writing I don't have further details on it. Their address is: P.O. Box 8038, Topeka, KS. 66608.

As I become aware of these programs, I will place a notice in our Newsletter about them. As always, if you are aware of similar programs in other states please submit the information to me for publication.



## MY OWN GRANDPAW

"MANY, MANY YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS 23...  
I WAS MARRIED TO A WIDOW WHO WAS PRETTY AS COULD BE

THIS WIDOW HAD A GROWN UP DAUGHTER WHO HAD HAIR OF RED  
MY FATHER FELL IN LOVE WITH HER AND SOON THEY TOO WERE WED

THIS MAKE MY DAD MY SON-IN-LAW AND CHANGED MY VERY LIFE;  
FOR MY DAUGHTER WAS MY MOTHER 'CAUSE SHE'S MY FATHER'S WIFE.

TO COMPLICATE THE MATTER EVEN THO IT BROUGHT ME JOY,  
I SOON BECAME A FATHER OF A BOUNCING BABY BOY!

MY LITTLE BABY THEN BECAME A BROTHER-IN-LAW TO DAD,  
AND SO BECAME MY UNCLE THO IT MADE ME VERY SAD!

FOR IF HE WAS MY UNCLE THEN THAT ALSO MAKES HIM BROTHER  
OF THE WIDOW'S GROWN UP DAUGHTER WHO, OF COURSE, WAS MY STEP-MOTHER.

FATHER'S WIFE THEN HAD A SON WHO KEPT THEM ON THE RUN;  
AND HE BECAME MY GRANDCHILD FOR HE WAS MY DAUGHTER'S SON.

MY WIFE IS NOW MY MOTHER'S MOTHER AND IT MAKES ME BLUE...  
BECAUSE ALTHOUGH SHE IS MY WIFE SHE'S MY GRANDMOTHER TOO.

NOW IF MY WIFE IS MY GRANDMOTHER THEN I'M HER GRANDCHILD;  
AND EVERY TIME I THINK OF IT, IT NEARLY DRIVES ME WILD!

FOR NOW I HAVE BECOME THE STRANGEST CASE YOU EVER SAW;  
AS HUSBAND OF MY GRANDMOTHER I AM MY OWN GRANDPAW !! "

- ANONYMOUS -

[Submitted by: Marjorie JAMES of Leslie Michigan - her source was  
Commodore Bulletin Board-Q-Link]



## Frederick County YOUNKINS Reunion

Held July 22, 1990 in Boonsboro Park, Frederick County, Maryland

In charge of this event was Rev. Gale and wife, Janet 'Sunny' (LEONARD), YOUNKINS of Hagerstown, Md. The attendees were primarily descendants of Oliver Melvin Columbus YOUNKINS, son of John and Sarah Jane (FISH) YOUNKINS. John (1816-1901), and his wife Sarah Jane (1821-1901), were the parents of 9 children:

|                            |                |                                   |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Frances Ann Catharine      | b.26 Feb 1841  | m. Henry KEPHART                  |
| Carlton Melanchton         | b.13 May 1843  | m. Margaret Ellen SIGLER          |
| Martin Luther              | b.12 Feb 1846  | m. Caroline S. KOOGLE             |
| John William Taylor        | b.28 Sep 1848  | m. #1 Indiana Elizabeth REEDER    |
|                            |                | #2 Cornelia MERRYMAN              |
| Charlotte Elizabeth 'Etta' | b. 3 Feb 1851  | m. #1 Amos C. O'NEAL              |
|                            |                | #2 ___?___ LONG                   |
| Oliver Melvin Columbus     | b. 29 Jun 1853 | m. #1 Charlotte Elizabeth KAETZEL |
|                            |                | #2 Emma L. HOFFMAN                |
| Emory Calvin               | b.15 Mar 1856  | m. #1 Laura Olivia JONES          |
|                            |                | #2 Emma E. RAY                    |
| Claretta L. J.             | b. 9 Mar 1858  |                                   |
| Mary Celesta 'Mollie'      | b. 6 Mar 1861  | m. Isaac JONES                    |

Special mention should be made of two of the 'most revered' members of this family. They were the eldest in attendance at the reunion sharing the glory of the day. They are Rev. H. Austin COOPER and his wife the former Virginia YOUNKINS, daughter of Orville B. YOUNKINS and grand-daughter of Oliver M.C. YOUNKINS. Rev. COOPER has been the family historian for many years and continues at each reunion to add names and dates to the family tree.

# THE YOUNGKIN LINE

by

William C. Youngkin  
December, 1983

The writer has been accumulating from various sources and individuals information relating to the YOUNGKIN family, residing in the Easton, PA. area. The hope is to publish a paper periodically, as additional information is obtained from newer sources.

From the index of Church Records of Northampton it is noted that there are some twenty-seven variations of spelling the name of YOUNGKIN. Please bear in mind, being of German origin, in the old German language, there is no letter Y; the letter J was employed. So, the older way to spell the name began with the letter J.

Herewith are listed the twenty-six other ways of spelling the name, YOUNGKIN-- 1) Jokin, 2) Jukin, 3) Jundken, 4)Junckhen, 5)Juncken, 6) Junghein, 7) Junghen, 8) Jinghenn, 9) Junghin, 10) Junghin, 11) Jungken, 12) Jungkin, 13)Junjhen, 14) Junken, 15)Junkhen, 16) Junken, 17) Junkhen, 18) Junkin, 19) Yonken, 20) Youngham, 21) Younghen, 21)Youngken, 22) Youngken, 23)Youngking, 24) Younken, 25) Younkin, and 26) Yunken.

The first known ancestor was George Junkin. As of this date little is known of this early ancestor, except to say he was the father of Peter Yunken.

So actually, this writing begins with Peter Yunken. From Rev. H.M. Kieffer's book, "Some of the First Settlers of the Forks of the Delaware", on date of July 31, 1808, Peter Yunken married Sarah Ginnard. He was born Feb. 2, 1789, and confirmed on Jan. 19, 1807, in the Dryland Church at Hecktown, Pa. He died on June 3, 1851, and was buried a short distance inside the main gate of the Easton Heights Cemetery, which was started in 1850. His wife died on Nov. 9, 1868, and is also buried in the same cemetery. Four sons were born - Reuben, William, John and Charles.

Of the next generation William Younken was born in 1819 and died on July 29, 1897. He married Susan (last name unknown). She died Mar. 18, 1864. Since she was only 48 years of age at death, William may have had additional wife(s).

In 1855 Easton City Directory a William Younken is listed as a carpenter. In 1860 Directory there is a William in partnership with Andrew Transue, selling farm implements at 19 So. Fifth St. (Not sure of the lineage of William in the two directories). Later William Youngkin was a butcher at 660 Northampton. First he was a partner with Daniel Andrews; later formed his own company. His own son and other relatives worked for the company.

There were five children, as follows:

- 1) Charles W. Youngkin married Amanda E. Kellow at St. John's Lutheran Parsonage on Feb 18, 1873.
- 2) Edward Youngkin married Celia Nicholas on Mar. 18, 1875 at St. John's Lutheran Parsonage
- 3) William Youngkin married Rosie Kieper. Place and date uncertain at this writing.
- 4) Mary A. Youngkin married Luther Davis (Venango County) on Dec. 12, 1865.
- 5) Lenora Youngkin married Marion A. Pentz (Baltimore) on Aug. 9, 1865.

In the next generation Edward Youngkin was born Nov. 23, 1853. He married Celia Nicholas on Mar. 18, 1875 at St. John's Lutheran Parsonage. Celia Nicholas was born in 1858 and died in 1937. Both are buried in the Easton Heights Cemetery.

Edward was a carpenter of repute. He served as a superintendent at the construction of the following locations: 1) Custom Houses of Norfolk, VA.; 2) St. George Hotel in Brooklyn, N.Y.; 3) Factory at Sioux City, IA.; 4) Houses and silk mill at Union Hills, N.J.; 5)Silk Mills at North 13th St.; 6) Simon's home, North 3rd St., Easton; 7) Lucy St., Homes, Easton; and others. He was maintenance engineer for R.H. Simon Silk Mills, Easton.

There were three sons:

- 1) George W. Youngkin married Moetta Morrison on May 10, 1898 by Rev. Stem of St. Mark's Reformed Church.
- 2) Herbert E. Youngkin married Lillie May Garr on June 28, 1902. Later he married Lula A. Shields.
- 3) Chester Youngkin married Nellie Amanda Miller. Date and place not known at this writing.

In the next generation Herbert Edward Youngkin was born on Mar. 4, 1879 and died Jan 1, 1964. His first wife was Lillie May Garr Youngkin, who was born Sep 4, 1874 and died May 19, 1936. Both Herbert and Lillie are buried in Easton Heights Cemetery. After the death of Lillie May Garr Youngkin, Herbert married Lula A. Shields, who died prior to death of Herbert.

It appears that early in his teenage years he acquired an aptitude for mechanics. He took home courses with the International Business School of Scranton, Pa. Also, he served an apprenticeship in his trade. Before he was thirty, he had become a well qualified machinist- in fact, he was a master mechanic. In a period of fifteen years he worked at Bethlehem Steel Co., Ingersoll-Rand Co., and Cannister Co. For Tippet and Wood Co. of Phillipsburg, N.J. he travelled in the capacity of an engineer in charge of repairs of stationary engines. Later he worked at the Edison Cement Mill, New Village, N.J. as superintendent of the machine shop, where all mechanical equipment (including locomotives) was made to operate the plant.

Since his office was next to Thomas Edison, the two became good friends. When Herbert became ill for over a month, Thomas Edison would come to personally visit with Herbert at his home. Herbert opened a Ford repair garage on Spruce St., Easton, in 1914 and closed it in the early depression to become the City Mechanic for repairing city cars and trucks. During the second World War he taught Auto Mechanics in a Phillipsburg School. Finally his last job was at Binney & Smith, where he was a supervisor in charge of a maintenance repair group. Several amusing stories have arisen, which are related here. The first story is this- while he was working at Ingersoll-Rand Co., a young man, who worked for Herbert, had great faith in Marconi. From each pay he would spend \$2.00 to \$4.00 for Marconi Stock (at 10¢ a share). When the Titanic went down in 1912, this young man had a trunkfull of stock valued at that time about \$100.00 per share. The second story concerns his garage. Thomas Edison thought highly of Herbert's abilities, as about 1922 he sent two of his friends to Herbert's garage. These friends were Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone. In fact, Henry Ford commissioned Herbert to make for him a Model T racing car. Herbert produced a Model T rebuilt car to speed at 90 miles per hour.

Five children resulted from Herbert's first marriage to Lillie Garr. Incidentally no children resulted from his second marriage. The children were:

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## Elizabeth (YOUNKIN) FISTER KELLY

Elizabeth YOUNKIN was born on 25 Sep 1835/36 in Pennsylvania. She married Daniel FISTER (FEISTER) on 16 May 1852 in Clearfield, PA. by a Justice of the Peace, James GILL.

Daniel and Elizabeth FISTER lived in Baccaria Twp. in Clearfield Co., PA from 1852 until 1879 and had 14 children, all born in Clearfield Co. The Twp. of Baccaria borders on Cambria Co., PA. The [known] children's births (taken from census records) are:

|                |         |                   |         |
|----------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Charles        | b. 1854 | Samuel P.         | b. 1868 |
| Andrew Jackson | b. 1856 | Frasiese (?Susie) | b. 1870 |
| Jeptha Patti   | b. 1859 | Cyrus David       | b. 1872 |
| John E.        | b. 1861 | Martha            | b. 1874 |
| Sarah E.       | b. 1863 | Nettie            | b. 1876 |
| Mary C.        | b. 1865 | Effie             | b. 1879 |
| Isabella S.    | b. 1866 |                   |         |

Daniel FISTER served in the Civil War from 27 Feb 1864 until 9 Nov 1865. He served in Company K 3rd Regiment of Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery and was honorably discharged at Ft. Monroe.

Daniel FISTER purchased four pieces of land, 1851 from George W. DAVIS, 1869 from Henry BEYER, 1872 from William WELD, 1879 from Issac RICKETTS. [note from the editor: deeds are important in family history as they often give the residence of the participating parties]. In selling the above properties Daniel, and his wife, were, in the 1st sale (1880), listed as residents of "Washington Co., NE. late of Baccaria". The 2nd sale (1881) listed their home as "Burt Co., NE".

In May 1879 Daniel and Elizabeth (YOUNKIN) FISTER removed to Iowa. The specific location is unknown but their son, Andrew, married in Jasper County, IA. in 1878 to Sarah Maria YOUNGKIN and lived in Polk County, IA. in 1880. The Daniel FISTER family moved to Burt Co., NE. in 1880 but they were not on the 1880 census there.

Daniel FISTER died in Burt Co., NE. on 22 Sep 1896 and was buried at Tekamah, Burt Co., NE. On 24 Nov 1896 Elizabeth signed an affidavit in order to receive a widow's Pension based on Daniel's Civil War Service. On 17 Apr 1898 Elizabeth married Seth KELLY who died in 1900. In 1911 she was living with her daughter, Mary STEWART, in Sturgis, Meade Co., SD. Shortly before her death, she returned to NE. and to the home of her son, Cyrus, who lived at Herman, Washington Co., NE. By a remarkable coincidence she died at 11 o'clock p.m. on November 11, 1911. Funeral services were held on Nov. 14, 1911 at the Methodist Church in Tekamah and she was buried at Tekamah, Burt Co., NE.

Submitted by: Ina P.(Fister) Bright; 118 N. Terrace St.; Sutherlin, OR. 97479.

Ina has worked incredibly hard on this family in her efforts to trace the two YOUNGKIN/YOUNKIN women back. Believe me, I know, as she has sent me copies of all of her research. Let me make one other suggestion to you, Ina, and the rest of you who know an approximate area where your family lived but don't have anyone to contact there. Write a

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Elizabeth (Younkin) Fister Kelly



Daniel Fister

## Coming in the Next Issue:

### • A FAMOUS YOUNKIN DESCENDANT •

Who is it?

some clues:

- she had her own TV show
- she's married to another actor
- even her children have made careers in the entertainment field

(I don't mean to tease you with this (well, maybe a little) it's just that I need to verify some of this person's family history before I put it in our National Publication !)

## NEWCOMERS

**TWINS** - Spencer David and Kinsey Ariel Garrett, born 20 Jun 1990. The proud parents are, David & Karel D. (Kelldorf) Garrett. David & Karel also have a daughter, Stephanie Jade Garrett (age 3 1/2). Grandparents (whose picture appears below) are Bill & Loretta Kelldorf of Houston, Tx. [Spencer & Kinsey Garrett]<sup>10</sup>. Karel Kelldorf<sup>9</sup> - Loretta Adams<sup>8</sup> - Nora Frances Dunning<sup>7</sup> - Laura Estelle Younkin<sup>6</sup> - Lafayette Younkin<sup>5</sup> Moses Younkin<sup>4</sup> - John C. Younkin<sup>3</sup> - Frederick G. Younkin<sup>2</sup> - Henrich/Henry Younkin<sup>1</sup>]



Spencer David & Kinsey Ariel Garrett

### YOUNKINS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Younkings, 1201 N. 19th St., Clarksburg, announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Sept. 12, in United Hospital Center. Named Porscha Lynn, she weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces. The maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Gary R. Sawitski, Clarksburg and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Raschella of Fairmont. Paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Don Younkings, Fairmont. [Clarksburg, WV newspaper - submitted by: Janean Barnett]



Bill & Loretta (Adams) Kelldorf

Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society

Philip Schaff Library

Lancaster Theological Seminary  
555 West James St.  
Lancaster, PA. 17903

[the following records were sent in by Lorre Cross, of Burlington, IN., long time YOUNKIN researcher, the records were obtained from the above listed library]

### Kellers Union Church, Bucks County, PA. Records for 1751-1850

Henry JUNGKEN was b. 31 Jan 1717

Catharine, his wife, was b. 1736

married in 1753

Children:

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| John           | b.28 Nov 1756              |
| Dorothea       | b.17 Oct 1758 [died young] |
| Jacob          | b.13 Jul 1761              |
| Frederick      | b.15 Oct 1763              |
| Rudolph        | b. 7 Jul 1766              |
| Anna Elizabeth | b.10 Apr 1769 [died young] |
| Anna Elizabeth | b. 3 Sep 1770              |
| Henry          | b.9 Oct 1773               |
| Catharine      | b.30 Mar 1776              |

### Tohicon Reformed Church Records:

Abraham JUNGHEHN, son of Herman JUNGHEHN and Magdalene, b.2 Oct 1745, bp. 19 May 1746

### Update on Rudolph YOUNKIN

From the History of Bedminster Bucks County, Pennsylvania (1976) we find that Ralph YOUNKEN is listed in the chapter titled *Taverns* [pg.28] as being a licensed innkeeper in the year 1796. The location of his inn was unknown.

## Announcements:

Beginning with the Jan. Feb. Mar. 1991 issue of the YFNB I will start listing new subscribers with their lineage back to the immigrant brothers (or, at least, as far back as we have). Their lineage will be done in the same format as is used throughout the newsletter - {name<sup>4</sup> name<sup>3</sup> name<sup>2</sup> name<sup>1</sup>, etc.}. If you would like a similar listing of the subscribers to-date (142-about 10 pages) please send \$2.00 to cover the costs. I will mail these out sometime in January so if you haven't sent in your line - PLEASE DO SO TODAY - so that your family can be represented on this listing. Future issues will then contain only the information on *new subscribers*. This listing should prove interesting as well as fun. You will be able to see just where our YOUNKINS live - how many we have on each branch of our tree - etc. If you would like to organize a state-wide reunion this listing will help you. If your future plans include traveling to other areas - you will be able to see if there is a *cousin* listed near your destination city.

## OWNERS CHANGE BUT 'YOUNKIN HOUSE' DOESN'T

### COLLEGE STREET LANDMARK ON DODGE STREET

(Ran May 15, 1982)

by Irving Weber of Iowa City, Iowa

The front door of the 116-year-old Younkín—Negus house, 701 E. College St., is another of the famous front doors in Iowa City [Iowa] that has been swinging for more than 100 years.

It seems odd that the name Younkín is always used in referring to the house since Archibald C. and Mary C. Younkín only owned the property for three years 1866-1869, immediately after the Civil War.

Margaret E. Tucker owned the property for 45 years; Hayes and Lillian Carson for 11 years; and Lewis and Lorna Negus, the current owners, are the third generation of the Negus family to have owned and lived in the house, in the 56 years it has been in the Negus family. However, the house was built while the Younkíns owned the property, apparently in 1866, which no doubt accounts for the Younkín name.

Lewis Negus comments that it has always seemed strange to him that the house has carried the 701 E. College St. address since it faces Dodge Street, and always has. Possibly the Younkíns preferred the College Street address because it was one of the three most prestigious residential streets in Iowa City at the time.

The original 1839 plat of the pioneer village of Iowa City envisioned Iowa Avenue, the widest street in town at 120 feet, to become the Pennsylvania Avenue of Iowa City. However, Iowa Avenue never quite made it as the finest residential street, with Clinton, College and Summit streets being the top echelon.

As noted in Margaret Keyes book, *Nineteenth Century Home Architecture of Iowa City*, the Younkín—Negus house is another of the Gothic revival style houses with peaked roofs that were so popular until shortly after the Civil War.

The Younkín—Negus house at one time had a picket fence, and board sidewalks on both College and Dodge streets. I recall walking on the board sidewalks when I went to the old Fourth Ward School, located on the southwest corner of Dodge and Court streets in the so-called "noughty years," '06, '07, '08 and '09.

It is Lewis Negus' theory that the house was built in two sections, fairly close together, judging by the heavy brick wall running throughout the center of the house, north to south, though not obvious to the visitor.

There are four rooms and a half bath downstairs—a living room, library, dining room and kitchen. A beautiful rosewood whatnot imported from France graces the living room, and double doors between the rooms make them warm and inviting.

There are four bedrooms on the second floor and at one time there was a back as well as front stairway to the second floor.

Surprising, in its 116 years the house has had only the four owners—the Younkíns, 1866-1869; Younkín at the time was county treasurer and was to serve for three terms. It was an elective office. Later, in the 1880s he was secretary of the large Iowa City Parking Co.

The Younkín—Negus house is probably the oldest of the fine houses on College Street, with the original front door still swinging. [Archibald<sup>4</sup> Dr. Jonas<sup>3</sup> Jacob<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>]

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701 E. College Street Iowa City, Iowa

[Photograph courtesy of Robert J. Libby]

## Abbreviations Commonly used in Genealogy

|        |                                     |       |                      |
|--------|-------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| abt.   | about                               | div.  | divorced             |
| aft.   | after                               | fa.   | father               |
| anc.   | ancestors, ancestry                 | fam.  | family               |
| b.     | born, birth                         | g.s.  | gravestone           |
| bp.    | baptized                            | info  | information          |
| bef.   | before                              | m.    | married              |
| bro.   | brother                             | mo.   | mother               |
| bur.   | buried                              | par.  | parents, parentage   |
| ca.    | circa, about                        | poss. | possibly             |
| cen.   | census                              | ref.  | reference            |
| ch.    | child, children                     | rel.  | related, relative(s) |
| c.r.   | church record                       |       | relationship         |
| co.    | county                              | rem.  | removed (moved away) |
| d.     | death, died                         | res.  | resided              |
| dau.   | daughter                            | sis.  | sister               |
| desc.  | descend(ants, -ed, -s)              | twp.  | township             |
| d.s.p. | died without issue<br>(no children) | w.    | wife                 |
|        |                                     | wid.  | widow                |

## Late Breaking News

It appears that there is an excellent possibility that Herman (brother of Henrich / Henry) JUNGHEN's stone has been unearthed. It seems a friend of mine, Bob Rufe, also has family that attended St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran church near Ferndale, Bucks Co., PA. A few weeks ago he was working on the grounds and found a buried tombstone with the name JUNGHEN. Bob believes the first name was "Herman". I will be checking this out and report on it in the January issue of the YFNB. Keep your fingers crossed!!!!

# I Married a Younkin

Hello again fellow I.M.A.Y.s!

You know, I've been thinking that the structure and format of the YOUNKIN FAMILY NEWS BULLETIN might be totally convoluted (convoluted, I think, means something like "ass-backwards"). Each issue is all about the Younkins, and for all the people who married Younkins — we have only this one little column. The fact of the matter is that people who married Younkins have much more in common than people who just happen to be Younkins. While I guess this could be considered our "fatal flaw", all of us I.M.A.Y.s made a conscious (or at least semi-conscious) decision to get involved with this single screwy family. This decision, that we all made, right or wrong, unites us I.M.A.Y.s in a bond that is far greater and stronger than mere bloodlines or genetics. Let's face it, to be a Younkin, all you had to do was be born, and this involved no decision whatsoever on the part of the new baby Younkin. To be an I.M.A.Y., you had to think about it, actually do it, and finally live with the consequences of it for the rest of your life. Yes, brother and sister I.M.A.Y.s, marriage runs thicker than blood or water.....

But having met, myself, other I.M.A.Y.s, we might be terribly similar, but we are not identical. And I think the reason for this is that the Younkins we married come in different "strengths". Some Younkins are more Younkin than others. This is primarily due to inter-family marriages of the past. If your particular Younkin is the product of first, or second, or third cousin marriages in the past, the dominant Younkin characteristics are going to be much stronger.

Now you could do a lot of genealogical research to determine the "strength" of your Younkin (this is how my Younkin wife would approach the problem). But there is a much easier way.

Just take a moment to answer this simple I.M.A.Y. questionnaire. Your point total will determine the "strength" of your Younkin. Select only one answer for each question:



## A. My Younkin is so stubborn that:

1. ☐ They will only admit they are wrong if 10 other Younkins tell them they are wrong.
2. ☐ They will only admit they are wrong if you show them the answer in at least 2 editions of the encyclopedia
3. ☐ They will only admit they are wrong if an angel from GOD tells them they're wrong
4. ☐ They will never admit being wrong

## B. My Younkin procrastinates so badly that:

1. ☐ They sent out their Christmas cards on Christmas Day
2. ☐ They mail their Christmas cards around Easter
3. ☐ They are still planning to buy some Christmas cards
4. ☐ They don't know what Christmas cards are because they have never sent or received one

## C. My Younkin's punctuality can best be described as the following:

1. ☐ They are usually at least 10 minutes late for anything that they want to do, and at least 40 minutes late for anything you want to do
2. ☐ You must always lie to them by saying that events start 3 hours earlier than they really do to have any chance of being on time
3. ☐ They are always so late, that you have given up, and attend all functions alone
4. ☐ As babies, they were 3 weeks late; graduating from high school took 15 years; they were late for your wedding; and, they will somehow arrive late for their own funeral

## D. Younkins know what's best for everyone else, because they:

1. ☐ Will never pass up an opportunity to advise you on how you should live your life
2. ☐ Will not only offer advice, but will try to trick you into doing it their way
3. ☐ Will transcend advice by: issuing orders, dictates, and a variety of temper tantrums
4. ☐ Can always tell you what you did wrong in your life before you even do it

## E. My Younkin's temper can best be described as:

1. ☐ Hungry zoo animals are speckled puppies in comparison
2. ☐ Pouting, silence, and nasty looks
3. ☐ Would make football coach Mike Ditka seem like Sister Teresa
4. ☐ Resembles Attila the Hun with a toothache, migraine, and hemorrhoids during a hurricane



F. My Younk in's consideration for the feelings of others is:

1. ☐ That they generally feel a small pang of guilt after they have shattered another person
2. ☐ They know other people have feelings, but if they can't keep them under control then that's their problem
3. ☐ They have heard somewhere that other people have feelings, but it might not be true
4. ☐ They know that only Younk in's are born with real feelings. Other people have the feelings and sensitivity of rocks (or pond scum)

G. Younk in's are generous to a fault.

1. ☐ The fault is usually someone else's
2. ☐ The fault they are generous with is advice (see question D)
3. ☐ They are faultless, and therefore have no generosity
4. ☐ The San Andres fault has more generosity

H. My Younk in's sense-of-humor is best described by:

1. ☐ They believe the only comic who was ever really funny was Jerry Lewis (they even watch the entire telethon)
2. ☐ They will laugh at their own jokes
3. ☐ They sometimes have trouble understanding their own jokes
4. ☐ They tried laughing once, but it hurt their face

I. My Younk in's organizational abilities are best described as:

1. ☐ They started to clean out the closet once, but got distracted
2. ☐ They believe that all organizational responsibilities belong to the spouse (the non-Younk in), and will be done incorrectly (as they will quickly point out)
3. ☐ They believe the word "organization" usually means "communist", and want no part of it
4. ☐ They will lose their underwear, even if you sew their names in it

J. Younk in intellectual ability?:

1. ☐ They think that "intellectual" means "egg-head", and they're not gonna be no "egg-head"
2. ☐ Feel that intellectuals are un-American
3. ☐ Tried it once, but it hurt their face
4. ☐ Younk in intellectual ability is a contradiction in terms, like military intelligence or business ethics

Ok, I.M.A.Y.'s; add up your scores. If your score was:

10-15: Marriages outside the Younk in family have somewhat diluted the dominant Younk in traits, but you're still married to a Younk in

15-25: you have a typical Younk in for a spouse

25-35: your Younk in has strong dominant traits, so you may want to seek some professional counselling

35-40: Your Younk in is the product of numerous cousin marriages. You may wish not to procreate

over 40: You have obviously added wrong, and probably have some Younk in blood back in your family history. In other words, you married one of your cousins (follow the advice of "score 35-40").

Talk to you next issue. (in fact, the next issue might be the I.M.A.Y. FAMILY BULLETIN, and we will allow one column that will be called I.A.A.Y.)



Larry "I.M.A.Y." Logan

*Larry Logan*



L-R: sister, Charlotte Younk in  
Anderson & Ailene Younk in Lantz

[Charlotte & Ailene<sup>7</sup> Charles Horner<sup>6</sup> Elias Polk<sup>5</sup>  
David<sup>4</sup> Henry<sup>3</sup> Jacob<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>]

## A Funny Thing Happened

I work at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fl. This woman came in and her last name was spelled "JUNGHEN" [pronounced Y-O-U-N-K-I-N] and very German. We were so busy I didn't have time to ask any information. A week later I went into the computer at the hospital and couldn't find the name, not even an address. What a wonderful opportunity lost. It won't happen again!

Submitted by Carolyn Carman of St. Petersburg, Fl.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



From Loretta KELLDORF of Katy, TX: Vol 1 #3 pg 4 para. 5 states that Frederick born 1789 died 1838. This cannot be correct for this family group. Other issues have given this date differently and it does not fit the generation?

ALSO - Vol 1 #3 pg 3 para. 2 states that Henry and Catherine were married in Lehigh Co., PA. yet Vol 1 #2 pg 6 col. 2 referring to [Henry's] second arrival in America, it seemed to imply that he brought her with him from Germany.

Your right, Loretta, it gets confusing. In this case, I should have added an "editorial note" at the end of the article, sorry. But, keep in mind that Heber was supplying us with the research notes from his father's work. This is one of the main reasons why we need to continue our research. Heber's Dad had only found *some* of the available records. He was taking any notes that he could find and was trying to put the puzzles pieces together. His notes are extremely valuable to all of us as they have added to our store of misc. data that, at some point, can be put in it's proper place as research continues. You will want to read Loree Cross's article in this issue for more on Frederick's birth.

Regarding Henry and Catharine's marriage - their marriage did take place in Lehigh Co. but that doesn't mean that he didn't bring her to America. A check of the passenger list for the ship he was on might give us the answer - but then often the women and children were not listed on these lists. Keep 2 GOLDEN RULES in mind as you read these articles: 1) If there is no source given for the information - then it is questionable and requires further investigation (try writing to the author); 2) how reliable was the source?

From Ruth REIM of Ashland, NE.: My Dad had always said the YOUNKINS were Pennsylvania Dutch—and to me that is Amish or Mennonites, but neither Dad nor Grandpa were Amish. Can you tell me what religion they were back "yonder"?

Ruth, see YFNB Vol 1 #3 pg 10 "Pennsylvania Dutch"—as far as our own family, the earliest records we have found show that they were almost exclusively Lutheran (vs. Reformed, Moravian, etc.). Occasionally, a family record will show up in the records of other denominations—more than likely because the Lutheran minister was not around (these early ministers served several areas at the same time) and better to have gone to a Reformed church than none at all. By the 2nd and 3rd generations our family had splinted into some of the other denominations (i.e. Brethren, Reformed, Church of God, etc.) but still the primary religion was Lutheran.

## Cousinhood

To arrive at the proper relationship between yourself and a cousin—count the number of generations between yourself and the *common ancestor*, and between the other person and the *common ancestor*. Let's say you are 8 generations from the *common ancestor* and the other person is 6 generations from the *common ancestor*. From the smallest of the two numbers [6] subtract 2 [6-2=4] for the proper degree of cousinhood. In this case you would be 4th cousins. But because there is a difference of 2 generations [8-6=2] in the distance from you and the other person to the *common ancestor* you are said to be—4th cousins, twice removed. Had you both been 8 generations from the *common ancestor*—you would simply be 6th cousins. [submitted by Robert J. Libby of Iowa City, IA.]



### ALL FIRST COUSINS

L-R: Shannon Connelly (6mo), Jennifer Logan (19), Sean Connelly (4), Devon Younkin-Miller (2), Joshua Logan (16), Derek Younkin-Miller (4), Christopher Kuhn (10mo) kids' moms<sup>9</sup> parents<sup>8</sup> Donald<sup>7</sup> Karst<sup>6</sup> William E.<sup>5</sup> Aaron<sup>4</sup> Dr. Jonas<sup>3</sup> Jacob<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>

## QUERIES:

Does anyone know who the parents were of James Dempsey YOUNKIN who d. 5 May 1892 and was married to Phoebe Ann BURKHOLDER? Phoebe married 2nd, Andrew YOUNKIN. Please write: Laurel Posey, 12709 Dorina Place; Granada Hills, CA. 91344-1418

Looking for the parents of Syvilla/Civilla YOUNKIN. She married John K. RUSH b.30 Apr 1810, son of William and Sarah (KILPATRICK) RUSH. John was 1st married to Sarah PINKERTON. John and Syvilla/Civilla had 3 known children: Alice RUSH, Mary RUSH m. Marcel BROUGHER and Marjorie Victoria RUSH b.2 Apr 1854 in Farmington, Marion Co., WV d. 2 Jan 1918 Uniontown, Fayette Co., PA. Marjorie m. John Martin WILLIAMS on 27 Mar 1876 in Dunbar, PA. Please write: Janet B. Felo, 131 Ridge Ave.; Freedom, PA. 15042.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR STARS

## George Worthington Younkin

A native of New York City, he was born November 6, 1923, on 116th Street in upper Manhattan, the only son of George W. and Marion (Lydecker) Younkin. George's grandfather, Terry Lloyd Younkin, was born in Williamson County, IL. His G-grandfather had settled in Williamson Co. about 1830 coming from Pa.

George grew up in the New York City suburb of Flushing. One of George's hobbies as a young adult was the construction and exhibition of Marionettes. He made most of his own characters and also constructed the stages. A photograph taken at one of George's shows appeared in an older issue of the YFNB [Vol. 3 # 1 & 2 dated 25 Sep 1940] with the following caption: "Worthington, now 16 years old, gives Marionette shows in churches, community centers, etc. as a hobby. He has also given exhibitions at the New York World's Fair."

George attended P.S. 20 and Flushing High School from which he graduated in 1941. During WWII he served in the Army Signal Corps. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Sergeant and matriculated at Michigan State University, where he received the B.S.E.E. degree in 1950.

After several years with the Westinghouse Company and Giddings and Lewis (G & L) Machine Tool Co., George returned to his educational pursuits. He received his Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1957.

George was honored in 1988 as the recipient of Top IAS Award [source: newsletter of the IEEE - Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers] The purpose of this Distinguished Service Award is to give recognition and honor to a member for rendering exceptional service to the Industry Applications Society. George Younkin received this award in recognition of his continued important service to the IAS since 1966.

George and his wife Nancy (a Masters graduate of University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh - School of Psychology) live in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Nancy pursued a career as both an Elementary School Guidance Director and School Psychologist. Their children (both graduates of Univ. of Wisc.) are: a son, Gregory, and a daughter, Janine.



George Worthington Younkin

## In Memory of

## Omer Younkin

Omer Younkin, age 66, of Reynoldsburg, July 23, 1990, Doctor's Hospital North. Veteran of WWII. Member Peace Lutheran Church. Retired from Kreiger Ford. Preceded in death by wife, Laurellen Younkin; brother, Warren Younkin. Survived by wife, Nanette Younkin; brothers, Edgar and wife, Reva, Younkin, Earl and wife, Rosemary, Younkin; sister-in-law, Doris Younkin; numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held at the SCHOEDINGER-MARGARUM CHAPEL, 335 Johnstown Rd., Gahanna. Pastor Curt Gast officiated. Interment Mifflin Township Cemetery. [Columbus Dispatch - 25 Jul 1990 - Columbus, Ohio submitted by Tom Younkin]

## Margaret A. Henry

Margaret A. Younkin Henry, 83, of 718 N. Second St., Apollo, died Thursday (Sept. 27, 1990) at home.

She was born Nov. 5, 1906, in Vandergrift and lived in the Kiski Valley most of her life.

Survivors include two sons, Dave J. Henry of Galveston, Texas, and Leroy Henry of Apollo; a daughter, Mrs. Jo Ann Kowaluk of Apollo; 18 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and 5 Great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Henry in 1974; a son, William Henry; a daughter, Nancy Henry; and her father, Harvey Younkin. The Rev. Neil Siefert officiated. Burial was in the Spring Church Lutheran Cemetery, Kiski, Twp. [Valley News Dispatch - 28 Sep 1990 - New Kensington, PA.; submitted by Kenneth Stevenson & John Kubla]

## Lydia B. Wilson

## formerly of Cowansville

Lydia B. Younkins Wilson, 91 of Armstrong County Memorial Health Center, Kittanning, formerly of Cowansville, died Friday (Sept. 14, 1990) in Armstrong County Memorial Hospital, East Franklin.

She was born Aug. 21, 1899, in North Buffalo Twp.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of Sherrett Methodist W.C.F. in Sherrett and Sugarcreek Senior Citizens.

Survivors include three sons, Paul F. Wilson of East Franklin and Edward J. and Charles Wilson, both of Cowensville; a daughter, Verna Durst of Freeport; a stepdaughter, Betty Hoak of Freeport; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; several great-great grandchildren; several great-great-great grandchildren; a brother, Edward Younkins of Freeport; and a sister, Elizabeth Anthony of Natrona Heights.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Wilson in 1978; her parents, Jacob and Mary Spencer Younkins; two brothers; four sisters; and two stepsons.

Services were officiated by Rev. William Griffiths, pastor of Sherrett Methodist Church and burial was in McVile Cemetery, South Buffalo Twp. [Valley News Dispatch - 15 Sep 1990 - New Kensington, PA.; submitted by John Kubla]

## Elizabeth (YOUNKIN) FISTER KELLY

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"Letter to the Editor" of the local newspaper asking for help of the area residents in finding the descendants of this YOUNKIN/FISTER family. Ask the editor to place this notice in the newspaper's *genealogical column* (which they probably won't have I) and if not there then in the Letters to the Editor column (almost everyone reads this column - if nothing else). I have had good success with this method and they usually don't charge for such a notice, but check first to be sure.

There are some *indications* as to where this Elizabeth might belong on the family tree. Recently I ordered the Will and Estate record for Henry Younkkin (youngest son of the immigrant, Henrich/Henry JUNGHEN) from the Indiana Co.,PA. courthouse. Though Henry Jr. left his birthplace of Bucks Co.PA. and went to Loudoun Co., VA., he actually died in Brush Valley, Indiana Co., PA. on 20 Jul 1859. His Will shows us: #1) that his wife pre-deceased him, as she was not mentioned in the Will, and #2) all of his *living* children, namely: Aaron, David, Elizabeth DEAL, Sarah ASH [ESCH], Charles, Reuben and Mariah [Anna Maria] HERLINGER. Though Henry Jr. died in 1859, the legacies to his children were not paid until 1862/1863. What this tells us is that all of the children were still alive in 1863. If any one of them had died in the meantime the legacy would have been paid to a grandchild or divided amongst the other siblings. The only son of Henry Jr. that I have found living in Indiana Co. was Aaron. Which leads me to question "where were the other sons?" The close proximity of Indiana

Co. to Cambria and Clearfield Counties may indicate a possibility. Estate #1212 of Clearfield Co., PA. for a David Younkkin, died 1874 intestate [no Will] late of White Twp. Cambria Co. gives us some clues. This David's Estate Administrator was John H. FISKE and in his statement to the courts he said "the personal estate of the decedent is insufficient for the payment of the debts" so he asked the court to agree to allow him to sell a tract of land that David had owned which was partly in the Reade Twp. (formerly White Twp.) Cambria Co. and partly in Bacarria Twp., Clearfield Co. The debtors (whose relationships are not stated) were: Andrew YOUNKIN, Aaron YOUNKIN, Susan YOUNKIN, Abraham MATTHEWS, and Joseph YOUNKIN. These *given* names are an excellent clue.

Today people give their children any name that appeals to them (i.e.favorite soap opera character) but back then you "honored" your relatives by naming your children after them. The pattern was normally: The first male child was given the paternal grandfather's name the second male child was given the maternal grandfather's name. The same naming sequence was used for the first and second female children. Then they went on to honor the Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts, etc. In tracing the census records, there is, again, close similarity in *given* names between the Indiana, Cambria, and Clearfield Co., PA. families and the ones in Jasper Co., IA. - where Ina's family is known to have lived. Ina still has her work cut out for her and would very much appreciate any help from our readers who have access to records in these areas.

## THE YOUNGKIN LINE (continued from Page 4)

- 1) Elizabeth Youngkin who married Stephen Beach. Upon Stephen's death, Elizabeth then married James McConnell.
- 2) Edward Herbert Youngkin, who died unmarried.
- 3) Lillian Youngkin, who died early at age three.
- 4) William Chester Youngkin, who married Mae Harding in Elkton, Md. on May 5, 1934.
- 5) James Franklin Youngkin who married Betty Lohman in Texas.

The next generation concerns William Chester Youngkin, who was born on Oct. 9, 1912, at 206 North 11th St., Easton, Pa. He was married on May 5, 1934, at Elkton, Md. to Mae Harding.

Upon graduation from Lafayette College with qualifications to teach history, Latin and German, William did some substitute teaching for a year and a half. Unable to obtain a permanent teaching position (due to the depression), he worked for the State Unemployment Relief Board; later he became clerk, then chief clerk with the State Liquor Stores. Finally, he started with the Accounts Payable for Bethlehem Steel Corp. as an accounting clerk. At retirement in 1977, his last position was chief clerk in Raw Material Accounting with same company.

Three sons were born to this marriage.

- 1) William Chester Youngkin, Jr. who married Betty Rogers on Dec.31, 1966 at Sylvania, Ohio.
- 2) Herbert Harding Youngkin, who married Sharon Shepherd on Sep.10, 1967 at New Port Ritchey, FL.
- 3) Edward James Youngkin, who married Kay Ling Lee on Dec.31 1965 at St. Mark's United Church of Christ, Easton,PA.

Written and submitted by: William Chester Youngkin, Rte. 3 Box 1044; Lacey's Spring, AL 35754 - In William's latest letter to me, he added the following update to his family's story: "My sister, Elizabeth, was married to James McConnell. He was Secretary of Agriculture under Eisenhower. When my brother-in-law became ill, his assistant, Ezra Benson (now President of the Mormon Church) became Secretary and James then was made his assistant. He was also Director of Cornell Univ., L.V.R.R. and Head of Agway." William lists his sources as: 1)WPA Project - Newspaper extracts (1852-1884) 2)Church records 3)Records of Easton's Cemeteries 4)Durham Cemetery in Bucks Co.,PA. 5)Court Records 6)City Directories 7)Personal Family Records

## YOUNKEN FAMILIES PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA, & KANSAS

Few of our families offer a more colorful history than does that of Charles L. and Nancy (HENRY) YOUNKEN. Charles was the son of George and Nancy (JOHNSTON) YOUNKEN, the grandson of John M. and Catharina (KILLICHER) YOUNKIN and Great-grandson of our immigrant, Henrich JUNGHEN. Nancy (HENRY) YOUNKEN was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (IMEL) HENRY.

No less than 3 of Charles and Nancy's sons served bravely in the Civil War. They were namely: Daniel H. m. Margaret E. BRADEN; William Henry m. Elizabeth (STARKEY) PIATT (widow of a Civil War casualty, Robert PIATT); and Jefferson m. Matilda ANN RICKEY. All three sons survived the War. Of Charles and Nancy's other children we have: Elizabeth m. Isaac BELL; Mary m. Cornelius 'Neal' DORSEY; Eliza m. John FINNEGAN; Thaddeus m. Nancy Jane \_\_\_?; Nancy L. m. Jesse Lazear BARNETT. Charles and Nancy settled in Richill Twp., Greene Co., PA. and it was in this same area that they both died. Charles on the 14th of October 1872 and Nancy on the 13th of December 1889. They are both buried in the Lazear Cemetery.

Research on this family has been made especially difficult as the descendants have scattered far and wide through these United States. Some of them moving to Cameron & Moundsville, Marshall Co., WV, some to Kansas, and some to Washington Co., PA.

Those staying closest to home were the families of Jefferson YOUNKEN. To this day many remain in the area of Washington, Washington Co., PA. It is of this family of Jefferson that we shall speak. Jefferson was born 5 Oct 1843 (source: family bible record). He was married 18 May 1867 in Graysville, Greene Co., Pa. to Matilda A RICKEY, dau. of Frank and Mary (GOODWIN) RICKEY. Jefferson was, without a doubt, a man who held great stock in the matters of his involvement in the Civil War. In the OBSERVER [Washington, Pa. newspaper-provided by Mark Miner of Wexford, PA.] we find on page 3 the October 7th 1913 issue the following byline & article:

"CIVIL WAR VETERANS BIRTHDAY REUNION - Old soldiers in Vicinity of Wind Ridge Get Together in Honor of Jefferson Younken of Graysville." ...

The twelfth birthday reunion of the Civil War veterans of Richill twp. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Younken of Graysville on Saturday October 4, to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Younken.

One year had passed since the organization of this society and eleven reunions have been held during that year.... Several of the veterans gave short talks on reminiscences of army life...."

During one of these reunions Jefferson, no doubt, recalled for his comrades, his participation in the Battle of Gettysburg. For it was in this great battle, often termed the turning point of the struggle between the North & South, that Jefferson was wounded in the knee with enemy fire [YFNB-vol 1 #3-1938]. Jefferson carried the mini-ball to his grave - it was never removed.

Jefferson and Matilda had 9 children all of whom were born near Graysville, Greene Co., PA.: Clara Belle m. George McClellan SCOTT; Franklin Collingwood (never married); Thomas Jefferson m.#1 Alice Tilton FINCH #2 Olive Boyd ORNDOFF; Nancy Mae m. John Flanagan WILEY; Blanche Catherine (family bible records her name as Sarah C.) m. Mathias Clark JONES; Lydia Ann (never married); and three children who died in infancy.

[my thanks go to Gertrude (granddaughter of Jefferson) and her husband Wilfred BURNS and their daughter of Washington, PA & FL., Carolyn CARMAN of FL.; Ginny TONEY of TX. (desc. of Nancy (YOUNKEN) and Jesse BARNETT); Beverly PALARINO of PA.(desc. of Eliza (YOUNKEN) & John FINNEGAN); and Charles 'Donovan' WOOD of SC (desc. of Mary (YOUNKEN) and Neal DORSEY) for their assistance with family records. Also to Mark MINER for his ability to spot our YOUNKIN / YOUNKEN name as he researches various old newspapers - he never fails to copy the articles and send them to me - thanks Mark!]



Mary (YOUNKEN) & Cornelius 'Neal' DORSEY  
[original in possession of Charles 'Donovan' WOOD of SC]



L to R - Thaddeus YOUNKEN, Nancy (YOUNKEN) BARNETT, Jefferson YOUNKEN - photo taken Sep. 1931 in Cameron, Marshall Co., WV [original in possession of Ginny TONEY, TX.]

## New on the Bookshelf

### LOSING TOUCH THE VIETNAM YEARS

By Burrows T. Jay' Younkin, Jr.  
Illustrated by Chris Decker

"You touched me— Almost,"

... is a typical image from this volume of poetry. These Vietnam War veterans, most of the time, saw so much death that they became hardened to love, afraid to lose that love. Burrows Younkin writes to rejoice in his newfound way of dealing with love...

"My steps have become deeper, Burning though they be, For I can love again—now."

In the preface, Burrows Younkin writes that the poems "are a portrayal of the impact of the Vietnam War on my relationships with others in my life...also symbolic of the isolation from families and friends felt by the majority of Vietnam veterans."

[Source: press release by Winston-Derek publishers ]

#### *Nothing to Offer*

I have nothing to offer;  
There was a time, once, long ago  
When a word said softly  
With a smile—I know  
Would have been enough;  
Time has passed  
So slowly,  
But really too fast,  
And so we meet again  
In the late autumn  
Instead of the spring,  
You give your heart  
But I have nothing to bring;  
I came with the winter winds  
And the noise of falling leaves,  
When I go, my steps will be softer,  
Lighter than a midnight breeze,  
Going on its way  
With nothing to offer.

Burrows Younkin

**LOSING TOUCH**  
**THE VIETNAM YEARS**

Burrows, or 'Jay' as he is known to his friends, served his country as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. in the Viet Nam conflict from March 22, 1966 to February 14, 1967. He has been a strong advocate of the Vietnam veteran issues for several years. He is the immediate past-president of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Rhode Island Chapter 325. Jay should be applauded for his heartfelt dedication to these issues. In the spring of 1987, Jay and several friends, all members of the South County, Rhode Island Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, discussed the possibility of walking a POW/MIA flag across the country to draw attention to the issue of those still listed as missing in Vietnam. After months of planning, on September 5th 1987 the silver and black flag, representing thousands of men still listed as missing, began its trip across these United States in an emotion filled ceremony where the flag was dipped in the Atlantic Ocean. On October 22nd 1988 on Galeta Beach in California, Jay Younkin raised a tattered flag and again dipped it in the ocean waters—this time to the cheering of 100+ veterans and their families chanting "Bring them home, Jay. Bring them home." It should be noted that the symbolic flag made its trip through the dedication and efforts of numerous Veteran groups across the country. Most recently, Jay served as part of a delegation that returned to Viet Nam in 1988 to meet with top ranking Vietnamese government officials to discuss the POW/MIA issue. Jay & his delegation were successful in securing the return of the remains of 23 of our soldiers.



Burrows "Jay" Younkin

By special permission we, as YOUNKIN COUSINS, can place an order directly from Jay. If you will mention that you are a YOUNKIN COUSIN Jay will autograph your copy to you. His home address is: Jay Younkin, 252 Patton Rd., Woonsocket, Rhode Island 02895. The cost of the book is \$7.95 per copy + \$1.75 postage and handling or \$3.25 P & H for 2 or more books.

## YOUNKEN FAMILIES PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA, & KANSAS

Few of our families offer a more colorful history than does that of Charles L. and Nancy (HENRY) YOUNKEN. Charles was the son of George and Nancy (JOHNSTON) YOUNKEN, the grandson of John M. and Catharina (KILLICHER) YOUNKIN and Great-grandson of our immigrant, Henrich JUNGHEN. Nancy (HENRY) YOUNKEN was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (IMEL) HENRY.

No less than 3 of Charles and Nancy's sons served bravely in the Civil War. They were namely: Daniel H. m. Margaret E. BRADEN; William Henry m. Elizabeth (STARKEY) PIATT (widow of a Civil War casualty, Robert PIATT); and Jefferson m. Matilda Ann RICKEY. All three sons survived the War. Of Charles and Nancy's other children we have: Elizabeth m. Isaac BELL; Mary m. Cornelius 'Neal' DORSEY; Eliza m. John FINNEGAN; Thaddeus m. Nancy Jane \_\_\_\_?; Nancy L. m. Jesse Lazear BARNETT. Charles and Nancy settled in Richill Twp., Greene Co., PA. and it was in this same area that they both died. Charles on the 14th of October 1872 and Nancy on the 13th of December 1889. They are both buried in the Lazear Cemetery.

Research on this family has been made especially difficult as the descendants have scattered far and wide through these United States. Some of them moving to Cameron & Moundsville, Marshall Co., WV, some to Kansas, and some to Washington Co., PA.

Those staying closest to home were the families of Jefferson YOUNKEN. To this day many remain in the area of Washington, Washington Co., PA. It is of this family of Jefferson that we shall speak. Jefferson was born 5 Oct 1843 (source: family bible record). He was married 18 May 1867 in Graysville, Greene Co., Pa. to Matilda A RICKEY, dau. of Frank and Mary (GOODWIN) RICKEY. Jefferson was, without a doubt, a man who held great stock in the matters of his involvement in the Civil War. In the OBSERVER [Washington, Pa. newspaper-provided by Mark Miner of Wexford, PA.] we find on page 3 the October 7th 1913 issue the following byline & article:

"CIVIL WAR VETERANS BIRTHDAY REUNION - Old soldiers in Vicinity of Wind Ridge Get Together in Honor of Jefferson Younken of Graysville." ...

The twelfth birthday reunion of the Civil War veterans of Richill twp. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Younken of Graysville on Saturday October 4, to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Younken.

One year had passed since the organization of this society and eleven reunions have been held during that year.... Several of the veterans gave short talks on reminiscences of army life..."

During one of these reunions Jefferson, no doubt, recalled for his comrades, his participation in the Battle of Gettysburg. For it was in this great battle, often termed the turning point of the struggle between the North & South, that Jefferson was wounded in the knee with enemy fire [YFNB-vol 1 #3-1938]. Jefferson carried the mini-ball to his grave - it was never removed.

Jefferson and Matilda had 9 children all of whom were born near Graysville, Greene Co., PA.: Clara Belle m. George McClellan SCOTT; Franklin Collingwood (never married); Thomas Jefferson m. #1 Alice Tilton FINCH #2 Olive Boyd ORNDOFF; Nancy Mae m. John Flanagan WILEY; Blanche Catherine (family bible records her name as Sarah C.) m. Mathias Clark JONES; Lydia Ann (never married); and three children who died in infancy.

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Mary (YOUNKEN) & Cornelius 'Neal' DORSEY  
[original in possession of Charles 'Donovan' WOOD of SC]



L to R - Thaddeus YOUNKEN, Nancy (YOUNKEN) BARNETT, Jefferson YOUNKEN - photo taken Sep. 1931 in Cameron, Marshall Co., WV [original in possession of Ginny TONEY, TX.]

## Our Military Men

WALTER S. YOUNKIN was born 10 Jun 1833 in Turkeyfoot Twp., Somerset Co., PA. Walter's parents, Dr. Jonas and Martha (PRINGEY) YOUNKIN, were among the many YOUNKIN families that moved, with their families, during the 1850s to the western frontier. Walter was married on 5 May 1856 to Eva M. TROYER by Stephen Palmer Judge of Henry County, IL. Walter and Eva were blessed with 2 sons, Warren E. b. 25 Mar 1858 and Howard V. b. 30 May 1862. As fate would have it, these were the only children Walter would ever father.

It was in Annawan, Henry Co., IL. that Walter enlisted in the Union Army on 12 Aug 1862. He was mustered into service on 20 Sep 1862 as a Corporal in the 112th Illinois Vol. for a term of 3 years. His physical description, as noted by the enlistment officer was: 5'8" tall, light complexion, black hair and blue eyes. He served almost three full years and was mustered out on 20 Jun 1865 with the remaining men in his company. Little did Walter know, as he rejoined his family, that, in fact, the biggest battle he was to ever fight had barely begun. His general debility on returning home, was, no doubt, thought to be simple exhaustion from the years of the war. His weakness became worse and after numerous visits to doctors, Walter found that, sometime during his years of military service, he had developed diabetes. The fact that Walter's name does not appear on the lists of men attended by military physicians during the war attests to his bravery - he had suffered in silence.



Jay & Esther (Scott) Younklin

On November 19th 1868 Walter died. Two letters contained in Walter's pension file tell his story. The first being a letter from Walter's brother, Dr. Edwin YOUNKIN, of St. Louis, Missouri who stated that he had treated his brother and that he had died from *Gangrene Senilis* a complication resulting from Diabetes. The other letter was from Walter's mother. Martha wrote, "I was called in to help take care of him during his last illness and was with him constantly during the seven weeks immediately preceding his death and was with him at the time of his death, which was on the 19th day of November A.D. 1868. During the time I helped to take care of him, he suffered greatly with pains and swelling ... that he was confined to his bed all the time I was with him." Walter was buried in Fairview Cemetery in Sheffield, Henry Co., IL.

Eva (TROYER) YOUNKIN married again on 7 Dec 1871 to William H. GILLESPIE by whom she had 2 daughters, Hattie b. 1872 and Kittie b. 1874. This was not to be a happy marriage for Eva as in 1875 she and William were separated and later divorced. The ultimate whereabouts of Eva and her 2 daughters is unknown.

Of Walter and Eva's two sons, Warren Eugene and Howard Venvelsy YOUNKIN we do know. Several of our readers are descendants of these sons. Warren m. Maggie M. STEPHENS and settled in Dorchester, NE. Howard m. Clara B. EARL and lived for many years in IL, but later moved to the Omaha, NE. area. [Walter<sup>4</sup> Dr. Jonas<sup>3</sup> Jacob<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>]



Howard V. & Clara (Earl) Younklin



Fred & Ruth (Younkin) Reim  
(March 1990—40th  
Wedding Anniversary)  
[Ruth<sup>7</sup> Jay<sup>6</sup> Howard V.<sup>5</sup>  
Walter S.<sup>4</sup> Dr. Jonas<sup>3</sup> Jacob<sup>2</sup> Henry<sup>1</sup>]